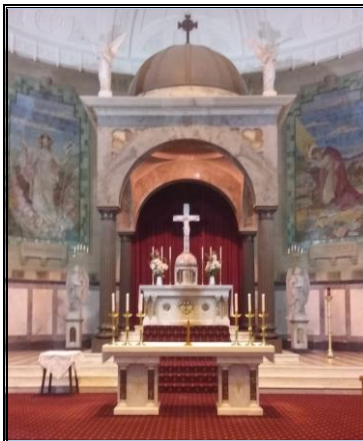




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Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil:

6.00pm St Mary’s

Sunday:

8.30am St Margaret’s

10.30am St Mary’s

6.00pm St Mary’s (Spanish)

Weekday Mass Times

Mon 10.00am St Mary’s

Tue 9.00am St Mary’s

Wed 9.00am St Mary’s

7.00pm St Mary’s

Thu 9.00am St Mary’s

Fri 9.15am St Mary’s

Sat 9.30am St Mary’s

Reconciliation

(Confession)

Saturday

10.00–10.30am St Mary’s

5.30–5.45pm St Mary’s

Eucharistic Adoration

Tue 9.30–10.30am St Mary’s

Sat 10.00–11.00am St Mary’s

Baptisms at St Mary’s

Baptisms are celebrated on the
2nd & 4th Sundays of each
month at 12:00 noon.

Baptism Information Sessions
are held in St Mary’s Church
at 7:30 pm on the first Thursday
of each month. Parents desiring
the baptism of their child must
attend one of these sessions.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – 29 March 2026

Celebrating Holy Week and the Sacred Paschal Triduum

Holy Thursday 2 April	7.30 pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper	St Mary’s
Good Friday 3 April	11.00 am Stations of the Cross	St Mary’s
	3.00 pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord	St Mary’s
Holy Saturday 4 April	8:00 pm Easter Vigil	St Mary’s
Easter Sunday 5 April	8.30 am Easter Sunday Mass	St Margaret’s
	10.30 am Easter Sunday Mass	St Mary’s
	6:00 pm Easter Sunday Mass (Spanish)	St Mary’s

No Confessions Holy Saturday 4 April 2026

SPECIAL EASTER ROSTER NEXT WEEKEND – 4/5 APRIL 2026

No Masses on Easter Monday & Tuesday (also No Devotions)

Holy Thursday: Reaching out in Charity

The Roman Missal points out, uniquely, that gifts for the poor may be presented along with the bread and wine being carried in procession to the altar at the Mass of the Lord’s Supper. Such an offering becomes a real reminder of the practical charity that should flow from our participation in the Eucharist. Those coming on Holy Thursday evening are asked, therefore, to bring their Project Compassion boxes/ envelopes to be part of the procession and a tangible sign of practical charity in St. Mary’s Parish.

The Melbourne Passion Play

Sunday, 29 March, 1.30pm – 3.00pm

Catholic Regional College, 380 Sydenham Road, Sydenham.

The Melbourne Passion Play will also be performed on Good Friday, 3 April 2026.

For more information please visit the Melbourne Passion Play website at www.melbournepassionplay.com.au.

"We are invited to know God through prayer, listening to the Word, the Sacraments, the life of the Church and works of charity for our brothers and sisters." - Pope Leo IV

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 4/5 Apr 2026

SPECIAL EASTER ROSTER

Hymns:

Entrance: CWBII 587

Offertory: CWBII 530

Communion: CWBII 484

Reflection: CWBII 459

Recessional: CWBII 400

Recently Deceased:

Leigh Kinrade; Christine Guido; Joseph Dakin; Paul Muscat; Albert Calautti; Achille Mauro

Anniversaries:

Guisseppina, Michele, Rocco, Anna Agresta; Gaitano, Maria Strangio and families; Antonio Francesco, Antonia Pangallo; Giuseppe Barbaro; Elisabetta Schimizzi

Readings Next Week: **Sunday of the Resurrection** Acts 10:34, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

Mass Of The Holy Oils (Chrism Mass)

The Chrism Mass will be at **St Patrick's Cathedral at 10.00am on Tuesday 31 March 2026.**

In this ancient and beautiful liturgy, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli, together with all of Melbourne's priests, will bless the oils being used in the sacraments for the year ahead. You are all warmly invited to attend.

Light into the City

The 5–10-year *Light into the City* initiative will renew St Patrick's Cathedral and reimagine its precinct as the spiritual heart of Melbourne.

For more than 125 years, the Cathedral has been a place of prayer, encounter, and belonging for generations of Catholics. It is also a treasured landmark for our wider community.

Light into the City will help ensure this sacred place continues to shine as a beacon of faith, hope and welcome for all who come to the heart of our city. I am grateful to those who have already offered their support, and I encourage you all to be part of this renewal whether as individuals, families – or as community and parish groups.

To find out more please visit: www.lightintothecity.org.au In the months ahead, we will share updates on the restoration works on the Cathedral and further plans for the precinct - along with ways you can stay involved.

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who came along to our morning tea last Sunday.

A special thank you to all who provided food for us all to share and helped in the setting up, serving and cleaning up. We appreciate your assistance.

Daylight Saving ends next weekend

Daylight saving ends next weekend 4/5 April 2026, please turn your clocks back an hour – an hour extra sleep.



Please use the QR code if you wish to contribute to our parish church. Your generosity is much appreciated. Thank you.



10. Synodality is about mission

The purpose of synodality is not internal reform for its own sake. Its goal is evangelisation—helping the Church become more faithful, more welcoming, and more effective in proclaiming the Gospel to today's world.

11. What synodality is NOT

Synodality is not about changing doctrine according to popular opinion. The faith handed down through the

centuries is not negotiable. What synodality seeks to renew is how we live, communicate, and embody that faith in changing times.

12. Synodality and unity

Walking together does not mean everyone thinks the same way. The Church has always held unity alongside diversity. Synodality helps us learn how to disagree respectfully, discern patiently, and remain united in Christ even amid differences

13. Why discernment is essential

Discernment is more than discussion. It is a prayerful process of seeking God's will. In a Synod, time is given to silence, prayer, and reflection so that decisions emerge from faith, not haste.

14. Synodality begins locally

Synodality is lived first in parishes, schools, families, and communities. When people feel heard and valued locally, the Church becomes more credible and more missionary.

15. A listening Church is a credible Church

In a world where many feel ignored or dismissed, a Church that listens becomes a sign of hope. Synodality teaches us that listening can heal wounds and rebuild trust.

Holy Week and Easter at St Patrick's Cathedral

Thursday 2 April

Holy Thursday, 7.30pm*—Please note there will be no 7am or 1pm Masses and no Confessions

Friday 3 April

Stations of the Cross, 9am—Confession after the Stations of the Cross

Ecumenical Way of the Cross, 10am—Commencing at St Francis' Church

The Passion of our Lord, 3pm*—Confession after the Passion of our Lord

Tenebrae, 7.30pm

Saturday 4 April

Easter Sunday Vigil, 7.30pm*—No 8am Mass. Confession from 10am to 11.30am.

Sunday 5 April

- Easter Sunday, 8am, 9.30am, 11am*, 6pm

*Broadcast to Channel 44 on TV (C31) and live-streamed to www.youtube.com/archmelb

Palm Sunday

28–29 March 2026



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Legion of Mary – For member enquiries and home visitations please contact: 9346 7900.

St Vincent de Paul Helpline: 1800 305 330, Monday – Friday, 10am – 3pm.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of our Lord

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The Lord has given me
a disciple's tongue.
So that I may know how to reply to the
wearied
he provides me with speech.
Each morning he wakes me to hear,
to listen like a disciple.
The Lord has opened my ear.
For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.
I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle.
The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.
So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.
The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 21

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him:
let him release him if this is his friend.' (R.)

Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet,
I can count every one of my bones. (R.)

They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me!

I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.' (R.)

SECOND READING

Phil 2:6-11

His state was divine,
yet Christ Jesus did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave

and became as men are;
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the
underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father
The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Phil 2:8-9

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
Christ became obedient for us even to death,
dying on the cross.
Therefore God raised him on high
and gave him a name above all other names.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

Mt 26:14 – 27:66

